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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS COUNTRY ASSESSMENT FOR AFGHANISTAN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AN INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT DESCRIBING THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN AFGHANISTAN. PAPER WAS PREPARED FOR USE DURING FY 1976 PROGRAM REVIEW. WE INVITE MISSION NARCOTICS COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE ASSESSMENT AND CABLE ANY COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MISSION MAY HAVE. MISSION REPRESENTATIVE AT NEW DELHI REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE MAY ALSO WISH DISCUSS ASSESSMENT WITH WASHINGTON REPS AT CONFERENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: SIGNIFICANCE: AFGHANISTAN IS BOTH A MAJOR ILLICIT PRODUCER OF OPIUM AND A KEY LINK IN THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING CHAIN FROM PAKISTAN TO IRAN. RELIABLE DATA IS LACKING, BUT ESTIMATES OF RAW OPIUM GROWN IN
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AFGHANISTAN, ALL ILLICIT, RANGE AS HIGH AS 200 TONS PER

YEAR. A SMALL AMOUNT PROBABLY IS CONSUMED LOCALLY IN THE GROWING REGION, BUT THE BULK OF THE CROP IS SMUGGLED ACROSS THE BORDER INTO NEIGHBORING IRAN EITHER BY CAMEL CARAVAN OR BY TRUCK. SOME OF THE OPIUM MAY ALSO BE SMUGGLED INTO IRAN BY BOAT AFTER TRANSITING PAKISTAN OR INDIA. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN ISOLATED REPORTS OF ILLICIT HEROIN CONVERSION LABORATORIES OPERATING IN AFGANISTAN, BUT THIS IS PROBABLY A MINOR EFFORT. SMALL AMOUNTS OF OPIUM FROM AFGHANISTAN MAY ENTER INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC OUTSIDE THE REGION AND ULTIMATELY FIND ITS WAY TO EUROPE AND THE US.

PROBLEM: THE MAIN PROBLEM IN AFGHANISTAN IS THE GOVERNMENT'S LIMITED POLICE ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY AND THE RUGGED TERRAIN. THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RELATIVELY STABLE SINCE PRESIDENT DAOUD SEIZED POWER IN JULY 1973 ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN INTERMITTENT REPORTS OF POLITICAL UNEASINESS. DAOUD HAS AVOWED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO BRING THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC UNDER CONTROL, AND HE HAS ORDERED FULL COOPERATION WITH UN NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICERS. UNDER AN AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST NOVEMBER, UNFDAC IS PROVIDING LIMITED ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE NARCOTICS COMPONENT OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. SOME AFGHAN OFFICIALS HAVE INTIMATED THEIR EXPECTATION OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF DEVELOPMENT AID IN EXCHANGE FOR A NARCOTICS BAN.

PROSPECTS: THE NARCOTICS SITUATION PROBABLY WILL REMAIN GENERALLY STATIC, AT LEAST UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT CONTROL PROGRAM IS BETTER DEVELOPED. THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE SINCERE ABOUT ITS INTENTION TO MOUNT AN EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED PRIMARILY UNDER THE UN UMBRELLA; AND ITS CONTROL CAPABILITY SHOULD IMPROVE AS THE RESULT OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND POSSIBLE REGIONAL COOPERATION. DESPITE THE REGIME'S AVOWED INTENTION TO BRING ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING UNDER CONTROL, HOWEVER, OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HIGHER PRIORITY. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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